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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
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STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF	:	Administrative Action
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MAUREEN PORTER, P.T.	:	
License No. 40QA01218200	:	CONSENT ORDER
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LICENSED TO PRACTICE PHYSICAL	:	
THERAPY IN THE STATE OF	:	
NEW JERSEY	:	

THIS MATTER was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners (hereafter "Board") upon receipt of information that on or about January 3, 2011, Maureen Porter,

P.T. (hereafter "Respondent") was arrested by the Egg Harbor Township Police Department for obtaining a controlled dangerous substance by fraud. The Board also received information that the respondent was again arrested on or about February 24, 2011 by the Hamilton Police Department for attempt to obtain prescription legend drug by forgery/deception; on April 27, 2011 for shoplifting; and on June 24, 2011 by the Egg Harbor Township Police Department for theft. A Judgment of Conviction was entered on May 24, 2011 against respondent in Atlantic County, to one count of Theft by Unlawful Taking in violation of N.J.S. 2C:20-3. All remaining counts and charges were dismissed. On June 24, 2011 respondent was sentenced to probation for three years, random drug and alcohol screening, and substance abuse treatment. Documentation was provided dated October 13, 2011 confirming that respondent was compliant with the terms of her probation.

Respondent appeared without counsel on September 13, 2011 at an investigative inquiry. The Board was provided with correspondence from her physician at the inquiry that she was being treated for a medical condition impacting on her ability to practice. Respondent testified that she was not at the time of the inquiry working as a physical therapist.

Respondent voluntarily agreed to cease and desist from the practice of physical therapy indefinitely until her medical condition has been resolved.

IT NOW APPEARING that the parties wish to resolve this matter without recourse to formal proceedings and, accordingly, Respondent now seeks leave to voluntarily cease from engaging in all actions that constitute the practice of physical therapy and desist from performing any physical therapy treatments on patients, or patient care in accordance with the terms of this Order; and that the Respondent hereby waives any right to a hearing in this matter; and the Board finding the within Order adequately protects the public's health, safety and welfare; and for good cause shown;

IT IS ON THIS 23rd day of April, 2012, **ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:**

1. Respondent, Maureen Porter, P.T., shall voluntarily surrender her license to practice physical therapy indefinitely and shall cease and desist from engaging in the practice of physical therapy and providing any treatment, direct or indirect to patients in the State of New Jersey immediately upon her

signing of this order;

2. Respondent shall return her original New Jersey license and most recent biennial registration to the New Jersey State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners upon her return of the signed consent order to the Board.

3. Prior to seeking reinstatement of her license to practice physical therapy the respondent shall be required to appear before the Board or a committee of the Board to demonstrate: (1) fitness to practice; and (2) resolution of her medical condition such that she is able to safely practice; (3) satisfactory completion of criminal probation; and (3) satisfactory proof of rehabilitation of substance abuse issues.

4. Respondent agrees that any violation of this Consent Order may serve as the basis for further action pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21, including suspension of her New Jersey license to practice as a physical therapist.

5. Upon reinstatement of license, the Board reserves the right to place restrictions and/or limitations upon respondent's license to practice in the State of New Jersey.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL
THERAPY EXAMINERS

By: Karen E Wilk, P.T., DPT 40QA00560106
Karen Wilk, P.T., DPT
Board President

I have read and I understand
this Consent Order and agree to be
bound by its terms. I further
hereby consent to the entry of
this Consent Order.

Maureen Porter, PT
Maureen Porter, P.T.

Dated: 3/28/12